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U.S. Application No. 10/076,631, in the name of Paul HABERMANN, filed February 19, 2002, entitled "NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS, AND PROCESSES THEREOF SUCH AS PROCESSES FOR PRODUCTION OF SUPERSCRETABLE PEPTIDES AND FOR PARALLEL IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXPORTED FORMS OF ONE OR MORE POPLYPEPTIDES OF INTEREST"

U.S. Application No. 10/076,632, in the name of Paul HABERMANN, filed February 19, 2002, entitled "NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS, AND PROCESSES THEREOF SUCH AS USE OF FUSION PROTEINS WHOSE N-TERMINAL PART IS A HIRUDIN DERIVATIVE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT PROTEINS VIA SECRETION BY YEASTS"

Copies of these applications are attached.

Regarding the foreign language documents, Applicants note the following:

(1) DE 100 33 195 A1:

is accompanied by an English language abstract;

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is a family member of WO 02/04486 A2, submitted herewith, which includes an English language abstract and which corresponds to PCT/EP00/08537, which is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 3.

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(2) DE 34 30 556 A1 is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 4.

(3) EP 0 158 564 A1 is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,355 to TOLSTOSHEV *et al.*, submitted herewith.

(4) EP 0 200 655 B1 includes English language claims.

(5) EP 0 324 712 B1 includes English language claims and is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 4.

(6) EP 0 347 781 B1 includes English language claims.

(7) EP 0 448 093 B1 includes English language claims and is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 20.

(8) EP 0 468 539 B1 includes English language claims and is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 15.

(9) EP 0 549 915 B1 includes English language claims.

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